

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-39. (cancelled)

40. (previously presented) A purified polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5.

41. (previously presented) The purified polypeptide of claim 40 wherein said polypeptide is recombinantly produced.

42-44. (cancelled)

45. (currently amended) A purified polypeptide comprising at least ten contiguous amino acids of amino acids 750-977 of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5, wherein said polypeptide includes at least one of the amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of ~~SEQ ID NO:9~~, SEQ ID NO:10, and six contiguous asparagine residues.

46. (cancelled)

47. (currently amended) The polypeptide of claim 45 which comprises at least fifteen contiguous amino acids of amino acids 750-977 of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5.

48-53. (cancelled)

54. (currently amended) An immunogenic composition comprising an immunologically effective amount of a recombinant polypeptide, which recombinant polypeptide comprises at least ten contiguous amino acids of amino acids 750-977 of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5, wherein said polypeptide includes at least one of the amino acid sequences selected from the group consisting of ~~SEQ ID NO:9~~, SEQ ID NO:10, and six contiguous asparagine residues.

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